TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES

Basic rules of changing an Affirmative sentence into a Negative sentence without changing the meaning:

Rule 1: Use of "Always → Never + Opposite Word"
- **Affirmative**: He always tells the truth.
- **Negative**: He never tells lies.

Rule 2: Use of "All/Every/Everybody/Everyone → No one/Nobody/None + Opposite Word"
- **Affirmative**: Everybody liked him.
- **Negative**: Nobody disliked him.

Rule 3: Use of "Only/Alone → None but"
- **Affirmative**: Only Ram can solve this problem.
- **Negative**: None but Ram can solve this problem.

Rule 4: Use of "Must → Cannot but"
- **Affirmative**: We must obey our parents.
- **Negative**: We cannot but obey our parents.

Rule 5: Use of "As soon as → No sooner…than"
- **Affirmative**: As soon as he saw me, he ran away.
- **Negative**: No sooner did he see me than he ran away.

Rule 6: Use of "Both…and → Not only…but also" (Negative Transformation)
- **Affirmative**: He is both intelligent and brave.
- **Negative**: He is not only intelligent but also brave.

Rule 7: Use of "As well as → Not only…but also"
Affirmative: Riya is clever as well as beautiful.
Negative: Riya is not only beautiful but also clever.

Rule 8: Use of "Too…to → So…that…not"
Affirmative: He is too weak to walk.
Negative: He is so weak that he cannot walk.

Rule 9: Use of "All → Not a single + Opposite"
Affirmative: All the students passed the exam.
Negative: Not a single student failed the exam.

Rule 10: Use of "With → Without (double negation form)"
Affirmative: He can succeed with hard work.
Negative: He cannot succeed without hard work.

Practice Questions

Q1. Affirmative: He always speaks the truth in every situation.
(Change into negative)
(a) He does not always tell the truth in every situation.
(b) He does not tell lies in difficult situations.
(c) He sometimes tells lies in every situation.
(d) He never tells lies in any situation.

Q2. Affirmative: Everybody in the village admired the bravery of the young soldier.
(Change into negative)
(a) Nobody in the village admired the cowardice of the young soldier.
(b) Nobody in the village failed to admire the bravery of the young soldier.
(c) Nobody in the village respected the bravery of the young soldier.
(d) Nobody in the village was afraid of the young soldier.

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Q3. Affirmative: Only hard-working students succeed in competitive examinations.
(Change into negative)
(a) None but hard-working students succeed in competitive examinations.
(b) No student can succeed in competitive examinations.
(c) None but careless students succeed in competitive examinations.
(d) Every student can succeed in competitive examinations.

Q4. Affirmative: He must obey the rules of the institution without any excuse.
(Change into negative)
(a) He must not obey the rules of the institution without any excuse.
(b) He cannot obey the rules of the institution without any excuse.
(c) He cannot but obey the rules of the institution without any excuse.
(d) He should disobey the rules of the institution without any excuse.

Q5. Affirmative: As soon as the teacher entered the classroom, the students stood up in respect.
(Change into negative)
(a) The students never stood up in respect for the teacher.
(b) The teacher never entered the classroom before the students stood up.
(c) No sooner did the teacher enter the classroom than the students stood up in respect.
(d) No sooner did the students stand up than the teacher entered the classroom.

Q6. Affirmative: Both honesty and hard work are essential for achieving success in life.
(Change into negative)
(a) Not only honesty as well as hard work is essential for success in life.
(b) Neither honesty nor hard work is essential for achieving success in life.
(c) Not honesty but laziness is essential for success in life.
(d) Not only honesty but also hard work is essential for achieving success in life.

Q7. Negative : She never deserts her friends during difficult times.
(Change into affirmative)
(a) She supports her friends during difficult times.
(b) She has supported her friends during difficult times.
(c) She always supports her friends during difficult times.
(d) She sometimes supports her friends during difficult times.

Q8. Affirmative: The boy is too weak to lift the heavy box placed in the corner of the room.
(Change into negative)
(a) The boy is so weak that he must lift the heavy box placed in the corner of the room.
(b) The boy is so weak that he cannot lift the heavy box placed in the corner of the room.
(c) The boy is not weak enough to lift the heavy box placed in the corner of the room.
(d) The boy is never too weak to lift the heavy box placed in the corner of the room.

Q9. Affirmative: All the participants gave their best performance in the cultural program.
(Change into negative)
(a) Not a single participant failed to give his best performance in the cultural program.
(b) No participant gave his best performance in the cultural program.
(c) None of the participants gave a performance in the cultural program.
(d) Some participants failed to give their best performance in the cultural program.

Q10. Affirmative: He has already completed the assignment.
(Change into negative)
(a) He has not left the assignment incomplete.
(b) He has not completed the assignment yet.
(c) He has never completed the assignment given by the teacher.

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(d) He has not already completed the assignment.

Q11. Negative : Nobody disrespects her because of her kind nature and helpful attitude.
(Change into Affirmative)
(a) Everybody disrespects her because of her kind nature and helpful attitude.
(b) Everybody does not disrespect her because of her kind nature and helpful attitude.
(c) Everybody respects her because of her kind nature and helpful attitude.
(d) All of them respects her because of her kind nature and helpful attitude.

Q12. Affirmative: Everybody knows that honesty is the best policy in life.
(Change into negative)
(a) Nobody is ignorant of the fact that honesty is the best policy in life.
(b) Nobody knows that honesty is the best policy in life.
(c) Everybody ignores that honesty is the best policy in life.
(d) Everybody believes dishonesty is the best policy in life.

Q13. Affirmative: He can achieve success in life with determination and hard work.
(Change into negative)
(a) He cannot be determined to achieve success in life
(b) He cannot achieve success in life with determination and hard work.
(c) He can fail in life with determination and hard work.
(d) He cannot achieve success in life without determination and hard work..

Q14. Negative : No sooner the thief saw the policeman than he started running.
(Change into Affirmative)
(a) The thief saw the policeman and started running.
(b) When the policeman saw the thief, he started running.
(c) As soon as the thief saw the policeman, he started running.
(d) Both the thief and the policeman saw each other and started running

Q15. Negative : She is so weak that she can't climb the stairs.
(Change into Affirmative)
(a) She is not so weak that she can't climb the stairs.
(b) She is never weak that she can't climb the stairs.
(c) She is too weak to climb the stairs.
(d) She does not need any help to climb the stairs.

Q16. Affirmative: Only the brave can face such dangerous challenges in life.
(Change into negative)
(a) No one can face such dangerous challenges in life.
(b) None but the cowardly can face such dangerous challenges in life.
(c) None but the weak can face such dangerous challenges in life.
(d) None but the brave can face such dangerous challenges in life.

Q17. Negative: You can not qualify the exam without studying hard.
(Change into Affirmative)
(a) You can qualify the exam without studying hard.
(b) You can qualify the exam only by studying hard.
(c) You can not fail the exam without studying hard.
(d) You may qualify the exam if you study hard.

Q18. Affirmative: All men are mortal by the law of nature.
(Change into negative)
(a) Some men are immortal by the law of nature.
(b) No man is mortal by the law of nature.
(c) No man is immortal by the law of nature.
(d) Every man is immortal by the law of nature.

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Q19. Negative : He never neglects to do his duty sincerely and faithfully. (Change into Affirmative)
(a) He sometimes avoids doing his duty sincerely and faithfully.
(b) He never tries to do his duty sincerely and faithfully.
(c) He always tries to do his duty sincerely and faithfully.
(d) He never finishes his duty sincerely and faithfully.

Q20. Affirmative: The poor villagers are always grateful for the help they receive from charitable people. (Change into negative)
(a) The poor villagers are never ungrateful for the help they receive from charitable people.
(b) The poor villagers are not grateful for the help they receive from charitable people.
(c) The poor villagers are never grateful for the help they receive from charitable people.
(d) The poor villagers are sometimes ungrateful for the help they receive from charitable people.

Answers

1.	**(d)**	**2.**	**(b)**	**3.**	**(a)**	**4.**	**(c)**	**5.**	**(c)**
6.	**(d)**	**7.**	**(c)**	**8.**	**(b)**	**9.**	**(a)**	**10.**	**(a)**
11.	**(c)**	**12.**	**(a)**	**13.**	**(d)**	**14.**	**(c)**	**15.**	**(c)**
16.	**(d)**	**17.**	**(b)**	**18.**	**(c)**	**19.**	**(c)**	**20.**	**(a)**

Interrogative → Assertive

What is an Interrogative Sentence?

An interrogative sentence is a **question**.
It usually ends with a **question mark (?)**.

Examples:

- Is he your friend?
- Who knows the answer?

What is an Assertive Sentence?

An assertive sentence is a **statement**.
It ends with a **full stop (.)**.

Examples:

- He is your friend.
- Everyone knows the answer.

Rules to Change Interrogative into Assertive

Rule 1: Yes/No Questions

If a question starts with:
Is, Are, Was, Were, Do, Does, Did, Can, Will, etc.

➡ Change it into a statement.
➡ Often, **not** is added to keep the same meaning.

Example:
Is this the way to behave?
→ This is **not** the way to behave.

Rule 2: Negative Interrogative

If the question contains **not**,
➡ The assertive form becomes **positive**.

Example:
Did he not finish the work?
→ He finished the work.

Rule 3: Questions with "Who"

These usually become:

Everyone (positive sense)

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No one (negative sense)

Example:
Who does not know Gandhi?
→ Everyone knows Gandhi.

Who can solve this problem?
→ No one can solve this problem.

Practice Questions

Q1. Is he not the best player in the team?
(a) He is not the best player in the team.
(b) He is the best player in the team.
(c) He was the best player in the team.
(d) He may be the best player in the team.

Q2. Can anyone deny the importance of education in modern society?
(a) Everyone can deny the importance of education.
(b) No one can deny the importance of education.
(c) Some people can deny the importance of education.
(d) Few can deny the importance of education.

Q3. Who does not admire a brave and honest person?
(a) No one admires a brave and honest person.
(b) Everyone admires a brave and honest person.
(c) Some admire a brave and honest person.
(d) Few admire a brave and honest person.

Q4. Is this the right way to treat your younger brother?
(a) This is the right way to treat your younger brother.
(b) This is not the right way to treat your younger brother.
(c) This may be the right way to treat your younger brother.
(d) This was the right way to treat your younger brother.

Q5. Did she not complete the assignment on time yesterday?
(a) She did not complete the assignment on time yesterday.
(b) She completed the assignment on time yesterday.
(c) She was completing the assignment on time yesterday.
(d) She will complete the assignment on time yesterday.

Q6. Can we ever forget the sacrifices of our freedom fighters?
(a) We can forget the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.
(b) We may forget the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.
(c) We cannot forget the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.
(d) We should forget the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.

Q7. Who can solve such a complicated problem without proper training?
(a) Everyone can solve it such a complicated problem without proper training.
(b) Someone can solve it such a complicated problem without proper training.
(c) Few can solve it such a complicated problem without proper training.
(d) No one can solve such a complicated problem without proper training.

Q8. He is a man of great courage and determination.
(a) Is he not a man of great courage and determination?
(b) Is he a man of courage and determination?
(c) Wasn't he a man of courage and determination?
(d) He may be a man of courage and determination?

Q9. You realize the seriousness of the situation now.
(a) Do you not realize the seriousness of the situation now?

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(b) You do not realize the seriousness of the situation now?
(c) Did you realize the seriousness of the situation now?
(d) Do you realize the seriousness of the situation now?

Q10. Is there anything more valuable than time in a person's life?
(a) Something is more valuable than time in a person's life.
(b) Nothing is more valuable than time in a person's life.
(c) Everything is more valuable than time in a person's life.
(d) Time is not valuable in a person's life.

Q11. No one can question the honesty of that respected judge.
(a) Can everyone question the honesty of that respected judge?
(b) Can someone question the honesty of that respected judge?
(c) Can anyone question the honesty of that respected judge?
(d) Few can question the honesty of that respected judge?

Q12. Who does not wish to live a happy and peaceful life?
(a) No one wishes to live a happy and peaceful life.
(b) Everyone wishes to live a happy and peaceful life.
(c) Some wish to live happily.
(d) Few wish to live peacefully.

Q13. Is this not the most beautiful painting in the gallery?
(a) This is the most beautiful painting in the gallery.
(b) This is not the most beautiful painting in the gallery.
(c) This was the most beautiful painting in the gallery.
(d) This may be beautiful in the gallery.

Q14. He helped you when you were in trouble last year.
(a) Did he help you when you were in trouble last year?
(b) Did he not help you when you were in trouble last year?
(c) Was he helping you when you were in trouble last year?
(d) Will he help you when you were in trouble last year?

Q15. Can we survive without clean drinking water for long?
(a) We can survive without clean drinking water for long.
(b) We may survive without clean drinking water for long.
(c) We cannot survive without clean drinking water for long.
(d) We should survive without clean drinking water for long.

Q16. Who can deny the fact that hard work leads to success?
(a) Everyone can deny the fact that hard work leads to success.
(b) Some can deny the fact that hard work leads to success.
(c) Few can deny the fact that hard work leads to success.
(d) No one can deny the fact that hard work leads to success.

Q17. He is the most hardworking employee in the office.
(a) He is the most hardworking employee in the office.
(b) Is he the most hardworking employee in the office?
(c) Is he not the most hardworking employee in the office?
(d) Does he be the most hardworking employee in the office?

Q18. Do they not respect their teachers and elders?
(a) They never disrespect their teachers and elders.

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(b) They do not respect their teachers.
(c) They respected their teachers.
(d) They will respect their teachers.

Q19. Is there any better place to relax than your own home?
(a) There is a better place than your own home to relax.
(b) Nothing is better than your own home to relax.
(c) Everything is better than your own home to relax.
(d) Home is not good to relax

Q20. Can anyone live peacefully without mutual respect and understanding?
(a) Everyone can live peacefully without mutual respect and understanding.
(b) Some can live peacefully without mutual respect and understanding.
(c) No one can live peacefully without mutual respect and understanding.
(d) Few can live peacefully without mutual respect and understanding.

Answers

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6.	**(c)**	**7.**	**(d)**	**8.**	**(a)**	**9.**	**(a)**	**10.**	**(b)**
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